

REPORT FOR EYS WORKCAMP 2025 – Berlin-Reineckendorf

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The mix of cultures, the connections with people in the camp, and the stories the city of Belim allowed us to experience were truly unforgettable! It was an experience I wish everyone had the opportunity to experience. I believe in the importance of seeing realities different from our own, ones that go beyond our social circle, so we can understand others with even greater empathy and, thus, do something that can truly contribute to the world as a whole. And the workcamp exposes us to these other realities. Inside the house, we understood and bonded with each other, regardless of our cultural differences and backgrounds. The best cultural integration was, by far, the lunches in each country—it was a starting point for our curiosity to get to know each other, since everyone there carried a bit of their country's history.

The workcamp allowed us to form friendships that lasted beyond those 14 days, allowed us to mature and step outside our comfort zones, and allowed us to learn about German history beyond books.

I felt very welcomed from the beginning. Something that helped a lot with this was the WhatsApp group they created before the workcamp began and, when we got there, the morning integration games we played in the first few days. I think this contributed significantly to my development with the group in the beginning. Our leaders were incredible, always taking care of everything and ensuring everyone was integrated!

Our workspace (the cemetery) allowed us to meet other people, who knew the history of that place even better—which made the work even more exciting!

I left the workcamp with a wealth of knowledge and memories that will last a lifetime! Thank you so much for the amazing experience!

